

**ROUGH DRAFT
TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 16, 2007**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday October 16, 2007 at the Town Hall. Council President John Wilhelm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councilpersons Lou Roberts, Ben Bolton, Clerk/Treasurer Bill Nixon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry King, and Attorney Dan Whitten in attendance. John Wilhelm opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ben Bolton moved that the minutes for the September 18, 2007 council meeting be approved as presented. Lou Roberts seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF September 30, 2007:

Porter Bank – Checking	\$156,175.48
Chase Bank – Savings	\$136,792.35
Record Balance	\$292,967.35

Lou Roberts moved that the financial report be accepted. Ben Bolton seconded, and the financial report was accepted unanimously.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Ben Bolton moved the claims for October in the amount of \$21,945.11 be approved. Lou Roberts seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

IACT – Dates of Boot Camp for Newly & Veteran Town Officers

Copies for Candidates

State of Indiana – Public Access Counselor – Formal Complaint filed by Charles Chuman

NIRPC – Presentation by Gregg Calpino & Kerry Keith – status & vision for Marquette
Plan Phase II & 12/20 corridor study.

Vern Odom of the Westchester Township Library Board presented a resolution to be accepted by the Town Council in support of non-consolidation of the Westchester Public Libraries with other county libraries. He acknowledged and thank the many Dune Acres residents who have supported the library through the years.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

ROADS: Irv Call

There has been no report on the burying of the Nipsco & Verizon Lines. He is to give Ben Bolton a copy of the letter he sent and Ben is to see what he can find out.

PARKS: Cheryl Evans for Kellie Klein

Octoberfest went very well and is being considered as an event for next year. Ben thanked Kellie, Cheryl, Todd, and Bob for the fine job of planning the event. There was a problem with the soccer nets that were ordered and Cheryl returned them. A new bulletin board was purchased for the Park by the DACIF. It was asked if the garbage cans were removed from Ridge and East beaches – yes.

CLUBHOUSE: Rick Demkovich

Rick reported that 3 more events are scheduled for the fall. Renovation – received a copy of the contract from Leatherwood, Inc. and Town Attorney Dan Whitten and Rick are to look it over.

MAINTENANCE: Mike Konapacki

Mike extended the warranty on the tow behind from 2 years to 4 years. The sand from the Water construction is being dumped north of the maintenance building.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Cheryl Evans

The Environmental Committee(EC) prefers that any sand not leave the town. The compost site located in Crocker is being closed and the EC requested there not be a compost site in town. Cheryl reported that there is a new superintendent for the National Lakeshore and suggested the town have a meet and greet social for him. Mr. Enquist will take office October 15th. The EC will organize a meet and greet for him. There will be a Cowles Bog lecture and hike Sunday October 28th at 1 p.m. Please meet at the Town Hall.

SIGNS: Jeffrey Swoger

The sign at East Beach has been removed and there was vandalism done to a speed sign on East Road.

WATER: Ben Bolton

Ben reported the water construction has begun but is moving slow. He stated a good job is being done. There is a construction supervisor on site every day. If you have a problem and can't get the supervisor call Ben and he will contact him.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Nixon brought a list of changes that needed to be made. The Attorney said another adopting ordinance is needed to make these changes. The ordinance will be read 2 times at the next meeting.

The Plan Commission's recommendations for the Code Book revision:

- Ord 2006-1 Adopting Ordinance for the Code Book
- Ord 2006-5 Rainy Day fund
- Ord 2007-1 Parking & Vehicle Operation
- Ord 2007-2 Consumer Fireworks
- Sec 10-1(3) Change "Gatehouse" to "Security Office"
- Sec 34-26 Raise penalty to \$50.00
- Sec 46 Add Town Map at the end of the chapter
- Index should list "Bulk Floor Area Ratio, Renting, Fireworks, Personal Watercraft, Rainy Day Fund, Rentals & Violations Bureau
- Sec 46-136 Add new description for determining "Average Finished Grade" and add "Average Grade Chart"
- Sec 30 Add "Porter County Auditors Fee" memo at the end of the section
- Appendix A (Sec 1) 2 (b) Delete
- Sec 46-287 (k)(1) Change to "Hear and determine appeals as outlined in IC 36-7-4-918.1"
- Sec 46-289(c) Decisions – Change to "Shall be handled as in IC 36-7-4-920"
- BZA Vacancy – Remove "The president of the Town Council" and add "The approving authority as outlined in IC 36-7-4-901(a)"
- Web version only – Sec 10, 1st Article III "Swimming Pools" is a duplication & should be deleted
- Sec 46-136(b)(2)a. (Wording TBD to allow expansion in other than nonconforming area.)
- Sec 10-51 House Numbers – Remove "if located within 25 feet of street" and add "All homes will have their address clearly visible from the street subject to approval by the Fire Marshall."
- CDi:3 (Index in back) Sec 46-135 – Remove 2nd listing of "Boats Docks & Waterways (Porches & Docks should have been "DECKS" under Zoning)

Further Review Needed

- Sec 42-19 Watercraft (1) Changing length Minimum for DA Stickers & "Zodiak" to Personal Watercraft definition
- Sec 14 – 19 thru 21 (Should Job Description be in Code Book)

William C. Nixon
Code Commissioner

There was some discussion on the moving of the Clerk-Treasurer's office to the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Ben Bolton is to present a change proposal draft to the “Eligibility of Vehicle Stickers” at the next Plan Commission meeting.

Lou Roberts read the “Resolution Supporting An Independent Westchester Public Library” resolution from the Westchester Public Library. Lou Roberts moved to accept “Resolution Supporting An Independent Westchester Public Library.” Ben Bolton seconded and the resolution passed unanimously.

Halloween Trick or Treat night was set for Wednesday, October 31, 2007 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Porter County Council President Dan Whitten reported on the first League of Council meeting. The attendance was low, but it went well. They are struggling with how often to meet. They hope to have the County Auditor, County Assessor, and County Commissioner at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

JOHN WILHELM, Town Council President

LOU ROBERTS, Town Council Member

BENJAMIN BOLTON, Town Council Member

William C. Nixon, Clerk-Treasurer

Sherry King, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer